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FOR EMBASSY CAPE TOWN

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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S WORKING BREAKFAST FOR
BISHOP MUZOREWA MARCH 9

1. AT A WORKING BREAKFAST AT AMB YOUNG'S ON MARCH 9
UANC CHIEF BISHOP MUZOREWA AND HIS AIDES MADE ROUGHLY
THE SAME POINTS THEY HAD MADE TO SECRETARY VANCE (REFTEL).
GEORGE NYANDORO DID MOST OF THE TALKING FOR THE UANC
SIDE, WITH THE BISHOP INTERJECTING ON KEY ISSUES.

2. NYANDORO BEGAN WITH A LENGTHY EXPLANATION AND DEFENSE
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OF THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT. AMB MCHENRY RESPONDED THAT
US RESERVATIONS ON THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT WERE PRIMARILY
TWO: (A) WE SAW NO CLEAR-CUT EVIDENCE THAT THERE WOULD
BE A TRANSFER OF POWER AND (B) WE SAW NO EFFECTIVE MECHAN-
ISM FOR ENSURING FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS. CONTINUING ON
THE LATTER POINT, MCHENRY SAID THAT IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS
IT WAS UP TO THE PEOPLE OF RHODESIA TO DECIDE THEIR OWN

FUTURE INCLUDING A DECISION ON THE RELATIVE PROVISIONS OF THEIR GOVERNMENT. THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WAS TO ENSURE THAT THESE WERE FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS IN WHICH ALL ZIMBABWEANS WERE ABLE TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS. THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS CONTAINED NEUTRAL MACHINERY TO ADMINISTER THE TERRITORY AND CONDUCT FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS UNDER PEACEFUL CONDITIONS. THE SALISBURY AGREEMENT PROVIDED FOR NEITHER IMPARTIAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE TERRITORY NOR FOR IMPARTIALLY ADMINISTERED ELECTIONS. NEITHER OF THESE CONDITIONS BEING PRESENT OTHER ZIMBABWEANS WERE PROVIDED A PRETEXT FOR CONTINUED WARFARE.

3. REGARDING A REAL TRANSFER OF POWER, MUZOREWA SAID THAT NO ONE BELIEVED THAT SMITH HAD HAD A REAL CHANGE IN PHILOSOPHY. NOW, HOWEVER, SMITH WAS A BEATEN MAN. HE WANTED OUT AND THE UANC WAS CONVINCED THAT HE WOULD STEP DOWN. MUZOREWA AND NYANDORO MINIMIZED THE INFLUENCE OF SMITH AND HIS FELLOW WHITES IN THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT. THEY CLAIMED THAT REAL POWER WOULD REST IN THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND NOT THE PRIME MINISTERSHIP AND THAT THE BLACK CO-MINISTERS WHO WILL BE NAMED AS PART OF THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT WOULD IN FACT WIELD CONSIDERABLE POWER. BLACK CO-MINISTERS, FOR EXAMPLE, WOULD BE ABLE TO BLOCK MILITARY MOVES BY SMITH THAT THE BLACKS DID NOT WANT. REGARDING "FREE AND FAIR" ELECTIONS, NYANDORO SAID CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT THERE SEEMED TO BE NO WAY TO SATISFY WORLD OPINION ON THIS POINT. THE UANC DID NOT CONSIDER THAT UN PEACEKEEPING WOULD BE EITHER FAIR OR EFFECTIVE. HE AGREED WITH MCHENRY THAT THE UN PROBABLY WOULD NOT AGREE TO SUPERVISE ELECTIONS UNDER THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT.

4. MUZOREWA AND HIS AIDES SEEMED ABSOLUTELY CONVINCED THAT THE "GUERRILLA PROBLEM" WOULD SOON CEASE TO EXIST UNDER AN INTERNAL SETTLEMENT. THE BULK OF THE PF FIGHTERS WOULD SWITCH SIDES. AFTER A LONG GIVE AND TAKE ON THAT POINT, NYANDORO ENDED THE CONVERSATION BY INSISTING THAT THE UANC BE ALLOWED TO "CROSS THAT BRIDGE WHEN WE COME TO IT."

5. REGARDING AFRICAN OPPOSITION TO THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT, MUZOREWA SAID THAT IT WAS HYPOCRITICAL FOR AFRICAN STATES TO OBJECT ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT FAILED TO FULFILL THIS OR THAT PRINCIPLE. IN POINT OF FACT AFRICAN OPPOSITION TO THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT WAS A MATTER OF PERSONALITIES, PURE AND SIMPLE. (IMPLICATION BEING THAT NKOMO HAD WON THE AFRICAN POPU-

LARITY CONTEST.)

6. REGARDING MUZOREWA SPEAKING BEFORE THE SECURITY COUNCIL, MUZOREWA AND HIS AIDES QUESTIONED THE AMERICANS CLOSELY REGARDING CURRENT STATE OF PLAY. AMB YOUNG AND AIDES EXPLAINED THE REASONS GIVEN BY SAME AFRICANS AND OTHERS WHO OPPOSED MUZOREWA SPEAKING AND SAID THAT THE US FIRMLY BELIEVED THAT MUZOREWA SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO SPEAK. THE US WAS WORKING TO CONVINCE OTHERS TO THAT END. THE AMERICAN SIDE ADVISED MUZOREWA AND HIS AIDES TO SPEND TIME IN NEW YORK IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH KEY AFRICAN

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PERMREPS AND MINISTERS. NOT ONLY WAS IT IMPORTANT TO WIN OVER THE UNDECIDED BUT ALSO TO NEUTRALIZE THOSE OPPOSED. IT ALSO WAS IMPORTANT THAT MUZOREWA SEE THE NON-AFRICAN, NON-ALIGNED MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL IN ORDER TO ENLIST THEIR SUPPORT FOR HIS APPEARANCE. MUZOREWA UNDERSTOOD THE US POINTS AND PROMISED TO TAKE THEM INTO ACCOUNT. YOUNG

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